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## Viewing cable 07SHANGHAI306, EAST CHINA VIEWS ON FOREIGN MINISTER APPOINTMENT

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags [#cablegate](#) and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. #07SHANGHAI306.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
07SHANGHAI306	2007-05-24 07:01 2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Consulate Shanghai	

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SUBJECT: EAST CHINA VIEWS ON FOREIGN MINISTER APPOINTMENT  
REF: BEIJING 2861

CLASSIFIED BY: Kenneth Jarrett, Consul General, , U.S.  
Consulate Shanghai.  
REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

[¶1.](#) (C) Summary. XXXXXXXXXXXX, a well-known U.S.-China specialist at XXXXXXXXXXXX, claimed the sudden removal of former Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing was hastily replaced because President [Hu Jintao](#) was unhappy with his performance. [¶2.](#) (C) During a May 21 lunch with Consul General, XXXXXXXXXXXX said former Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing was hastily replaced because President [Hu Jintao](#) was unhappy with his performance. [¶3.](#) (C) According to XXXXXXXXXXXX, there were other signs that the MFA was being badly mismanaged. In the last year, three diplomats had defect to Hong Kong. [¶4.](#) (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX opined that there would be no major changes in China's policy towards the United States. While Li's replacement Yang Jieck JARRETT